## Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council 2009 Member Biographies

Herbert N. Beller

Mr. Beller, JD, has practiced federal tax law in Washington, DC for over 35 years and is currently a partner with Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP. His particular focus is on corporate tax planning and controversy work for publicly-traded and closely held entities. In addition, he frequently represents taxpayers before the IRS National Office and IRS Appeals Offices, and has litigated tax cases in the U.S. Tax Court and Federal Claims Court. He also has significant experience in the exempt organizations area. Mr. Beller is a former Chair of the ABA Section of Taxation and served as Co-Chair of the National Conference of Lawyers and Certified Public Accountants. Also a CPA, he holds a J.D. (cum laude) from Northwestern University Law School and a BSBA from Northwestern. (LMSB Subgroup)

**David Bernard** 

Mr. Bernard, CPA, is the Vice President for Taxes and Real Estate for Kimberly-Clark Corporation in Neenah, Wisconsin. Mr. Bernard joined Kimberly-Clark in 1974 and has held various positions within the Tax Department, including chief tax officer for the last ten years. In 2005, his responsibilities were expanded to include the North American real estate management. His responsibilities include tax management, including tax strategies, risk management and talent development, and real estate. He has negotiated the resolution of scores of complex issues with the IRS Office of Appeals, as well as a number of issues with the Department of Justice. Mr. Bernard served as the Tax Executives Institute's ("TEI's") 2006-2007 International President and continues to serve on TEI's Board of Directors. He also serves on the National Advisory Board for the Michigan Technological University School of Business and is a member of that Board's Executive Committee. He is a CPA, and he holds a BSBA from Michigan Technological University and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. (LMSB Subgroup)

Michael P. Boyle

Mr. Boyle JD, LLM, recently retired as a Corporate Vice-President, Finance with the Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington. Mr. Boyle worked closely with senior management and had primary responsibility for the tax department. He oversaw worldwide tax policy, tax

planning and compliance activities for the company. In addition, he created a world class tax department with professionals based in the United States, China, Europe, Japan, India and Singapore. He has experience in dealing with global and domestic tax planning, compliance audits, litigation and final resolution of complex tax issues. Mr. Boyle was highly influential in setting policy in the U.S. and globally with respect to the emerging taxation of software and e-commerce. Mr. Boyle served as the International President of Tax Executive Institute, Inc., from 2005-2006 and is an active member of the board of TEI and the Tax Foundation. Mr. Boyle holds a BSBA, (cum laude) and a J.D. from Creighton University and a L.L.M. (taxation) from Boston University. (LMSB Subgroup)

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Mr. Casey, MAAT, CPP, EA, ATP, is an accountant with West, Christensen, PC in Flagstaff, Arizona. Mr. Casey has over twenty years experience in accounting and taxation, specializing in all aspects of individual, business, non-profit and payroll taxation. His responsibilities include a wide variety of tax planning and consulting services and have extensive experience in corporate, individual and payroll tax compliance, and in representing clients before the IRS. He has been a national speaker for the American Payroll Association and has published and written numerous articles for APA and Accounts Payable journals on the subject of IRS audits. In addition, he is an associate professor for Coconino Community College and teaches the individual and business tax classes. He also serves as APA's Chapter Government Liaison Officer. Mr. Casey holds a BA in Accounting from the University of Cardiff, Wales, U.K. (W&I Subgroup)

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Mr. DeGeorgio is the Head US Tax, Director of Tax Assurance and Operations for Shell Oil Company in Houston, TX. He has over 30 years experience in taxation including Excise Tax, State and Local tax, Federal Income Tax Compliance, and Federal Income Tax audits & appeals. He is a member of the Tax Executives Institute and currently represents the Houston Chapter on their International Board of Directors. He is a member of AICPA and Texas Society of CPAs. He has a BS in accounting from the Philadelphia University and a MBA with a concentration in taxation from the University of Houston. (OPR Subgroup)

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Mr. Heyl, JD, is an attorney and Director, of Government Relations for Direct Selling Association in Washington, DC. He represents a variety of corporations and associations; develops and implements national legislative strategies; testifies before committees and regulatory boards; and monitors and analyzes legislative/regulatory actions with a strong focus on tax and accounting issues and negotiates contracts. Direct Selling Association is a national trade association of the leading firms that manufacture and distribute goods and services sold directly to consumers. Mr. Heyl holds a J.D. from the University of South Dakota Law School and a BS in Journalism from South Dakota State University. (SBSE Subgroup)

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